



Your Central Florida Chapter
Air
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Association

FlightLiner

January 2008

PREMIER AFA EVENTS IN ORLANDO

24th Annual AFA Air Warfare Symposium and Gala

Symposium

Air Dominance...
Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow
February 21-22, 2008

Air Force Gala

"50 Years of the ICBM"
February 22, 2008

In conjunction with the above:
AFA Florida State Meeting
February 23, 2008



Central Florida Chapter to Recognize "50 Years of the ICBM"

by Tommy Harrison, Gala Chairman

The Central Florida Chapter will hold its annual **Air Force Gala** on the evening of February 22, 2008. This black-tie dinner will have as its theme "50 Years of the ICBM." We will recognize the significant developments in the systems and capabilities of the Air Force's ICBMs which enabled them to improve the effectiveness of the strategic mission and maintain deterrence. *Please see "GALA" page 8*

**Visit our web site to get
more Chapter information...**
<http://centralflorida.afaflorida.org>



Central Florida Chapter Mission
**AFA advocates a strong national defense
through aerospace power.**

**We support and encourage the study of science and
technology, and . . .**

**We educate the central Florida community on the
importance of technology to national security.**



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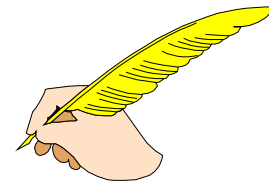
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Chapter Council Meeting

The Council meets on the second Thursday of each month at 7 pm at the Showalter Flying Service building at the Orlando Executive Airport.

- All Directors and Council Members are requested to attend.
- All members are welcome.

From the President



The big three, Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's, are now over and to many a possible sigh of relief. It is also a time to reflect on that holiday season and the memories, both old and new, that the season has given us.

Now we have to look at the year ahead and how we can make it even better than 2007. The Central Florida Chapter of the AFA is doing just that. With our major fund raiser in February, the Golf Co-Chairmen **Bob Ceruti** and **Jim DeRose** are busy putting together our event for February 20th, while **Tommy Harrison** is leading the enormous task of chairing the black tie Gala and Air Warfare Symposium/Exposition, to be held at the new Rosen Shingle Creek Hotel and Resort. All of the AFA volunteers have been busily working to bring together a most interesting and memorable event. This year the Gala theme is the celebration of "50 Years of the ICBM".

Following those major events, our Central Florida Chapter will host the AFA Florida State Meeting at the Shades of Green located at the Disney World Resort. **Tim Brock**, our State President, has topics of interest that will be most enlightening to all of us. Provisions have been made so that the reduced accommodation prices for the State Meeting will be extended so you can bring your family, children and grandchildren to enjoy the theme parks in and around the Orlando area. Take advantage and enjoy yourself—think of it as a post holiday season rejuvenation outing.

We are still looking for chapter volunteers that are willing to visit JROTC classes in the areas you reside. Our goal is to make at least one visit per year to these JROTC units, as a chapter representative, to show the AFA flag as supporters of their program. These young students in the program are enrolled in high schools in your local area. Should you be interested and can offer some of your time to visit just one of these units or want to find out more about the program, call me at 407-877-6480 or email me at jbcallahan@aol.com. You can also contact **Richard Ortega**, our VP for Aerospace Education, at 407-671-1162, or email ROrtega671@earthlink.net. Remember, we are all volunteers and we can only be as strong as volunteers that are willing to serve—even if it is for a few hours in the year.

Wishing all you and yours a most happy, productive and prosperous New Year.

Take care!

Jim Callahan

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... truly a "Special

Chapter in History"



Senators Meet with Chapter Members

by Dennis Moran, VP for Legislative Affairs

The State of Florida recognized **Senator Bill Nelson** as the Legislator of the Year and **Bill Sutey** as the Congressional Staffer of the Year. State President **Max Friedauer** made the presentations, along with members of the Florida delegation, at a meeting which was held in conjunction with the AFA National Convention. **Dennis Moran**, VP for Legislative Affairs, also organized meetings with **Senators Mel Martinez** and **Bill Nelson** so the members of the Florida delegation could discuss issues of concern to AFA members.



Florida delegates meeting with Senator Mel Martinez on Sept 25, 2007 to discuss issues of concern to Florida AFA members.



Florida delegates meeting with Senator Bill Nelson on Sept 25, 2007 to discuss issues of concern to Florida AFA members.

FlightLiner Note

Again, thanks to all who have contributed to make the FlightLiner the best! It is teamwork that makes a great newsletter. Some still need to join us by sending in articles!

Please meet or beat our deadlines to ensure we get your good ideas into the newsletter.

Call 407-260-8139 or send suggestions to:

kennethkelly@earthlink.net

Deadline for articles for the next edition is March 12, 2008

*Thanks,
Ken Kelly*

CALENDAR

January 2008

10 * Chapter Council Meeting

February

[NO Chapter Council Meeting]

- 18 * President's Day
- 20 * CFC golf supporting AWS
- 21-22 * AFA Air Warfare Symposium
- 22 * CFC Gala (Shingle Creek)
- 23 * AFA (Florida) Regional Meeting (Shades of Green)

March

- 12 * Chapter Council Meeting
- 25 Scholarship Opportunities Program

April

10 * Chapter Council Meeting

May

- 8 * Chapter Council Meeting
- 17 Armed Forces Day
- 26 Memorial Day

June

- 12 * Chapter Council Meeting
- 14 Flag Day

* See details in this newsletter

Det 159 AFROTC Dining Out 2007

by Cadet Jonathan Mahan, AFROTC

Every year at the University of Central Florida, the cadets of Air Force ROTC Detachment 159 undergo rigorous training to prepare them for what lies ahead on active duty. On November 17th, nearly 130 cadets, plus their guests, participated in an event that is formally called a "Dining Out," which took place at the Renaissance Hotel, in Orlando.

Upon arriving, cadets greet one another and smile with great anticipation because, at this event, they are given the opportunity to show to their loved ones what the Air Force is all about. The Dining Out provides cadets with the opportunity to bring dates as well as family members. During the event, cadets have the familiar "Social Hour" just prior to mealtime; however, during the meal, the not so familiar "Grog Bowl" is introduced (which is a toilet bowl filled with various semi-drinkable fluids contributed by each flight). Cadets are sent to the grog by fellow cadets after being caught violating long-standing rules of the "mess" (the attendees). This "punishment" involves marching to the grog, saluting, taking a half cup full of the mystery juice, and drinking it in front of the mess.

A highlight of the evening was the ceremony during which the cadets discovered who was selected to receive one of the coveted scholarships sponsored by the Central Florida Chapter of the Air Force



Association. A total of \$10,000 in scholarships were presented to 18 sharp cadets. **Chapter President Jim Callahan** and AFROTC Det 159 **Commander Col Bill Palmby** were especially pleased to present the \$1,000 Lt Carlos Arriaga Memorial Scholarship to **Cadet Jennifer Guerrero** and the \$1,000 General Bruce K. Holloway Memorial Scholarship to **Cadet Erica Black**.



The cadet wing was lucky to hear an inspiring message from **Lt Col (Ret) John T. Brock** that touched on his dreams and accomplishments as a USAF officer and then focused on the important role space operations play in the success of the Air Force mission. **Lt Col Brock's** message conveyed determination and the ability to achieve any dream that you set your sights on.

The event was a outstanding success and enjoyed by all. This year's dining out was highlighted by laughter, camaraderie, and the inspiration to press on into the last two weeks of school. Soon, the cadets of Det 159 will be taking final exams, and the Dining Out served as an opportunity for these same cadets to reflect on the lessons learned and the successes of a challenging semester, as well as to spur them onto the finish line. For some, this finish line includes the "pinning-on" of gold 2nd Lt bars in December, for others it means they will face another tough semester as they prepare to attend Field Training this coming summer. Whatever the situation, it is no doubt that events like this year's Dining Out serve as a reflection of the heart of our men and women of the United States Air Force and their determination to uphold the liberty and security of our nation.



CFC Recognizes AF Recruiter of Year

by Dennis Moran, VP for Legislative Affairs

Central Florida Chapter President **Jim Callahan** recognized **TSgt Lester Richardet** as our second annual **Recruiter of the Year** for his outstanding leadership, performance and results for Flight E of the 333RCS.

In addition, to exceeding his unit goals to recruit top notch Air Force trainees, **Sgt Richardet** is appreciated for his voluntary participation with the Central Florida Chapter in the City of Orlando Veterans Day parade.



AF Recruiting needs your help!

by MSGT Carmelo Vega, , USAF, Flight Chief, E Flight

Air Force recruiting service in the Orlando area is reaching out to the AFA to help in their recruiting efforts. As the new fiscal year rolls in and the ongoing GWOT (Global War on Terrorism) continues **the Air Force is in need of Special Forces and linguists.** These are critical for our Air Force to sustain combat capability and forward presence in current operations.

We are asking you to reach out to local events, family, friends, and clubs, such as swimming, running and tri-athletes and carry the Air Force message. If you come across an interested young man (SERE is the only special forces open to females) between the ages of 17-28, please refer them to the local recruiters. The information will be filtered to the proper recruiter based on the applicant's residence.

The critical special forces career fields are as follows: Para Rescue (PJ's), Combat Controller, SERE (Survival, Escape, Resistance and Evasion), TACP (Tactical Air Command & Control), and EOD (Explosive Ordinance Disposal).

Each of these require special qualifications and are currently offering a bonus for a 4 or 6 yr contract. To qualify for Special Forces, a PAST (Physical Ability Stamina TEST) is required and it consists of swimming, running, pull ups, push ups, sit ups and flutter kicks. Lin-

guists, although not considered special forces, is also critical and the Air Force is seeking young men and women for this exciting career field. A special test is required (DLAB) besides the ASVAB. Those qualified are guaranteed a linguist job and are eligible for an enlistment bonus.

For more information please call

407-682-0050 Altamonte Springs
407-896-1588 East Colonial
407-352-2202 John Young Parkway
407-518-9433 Kissimmee

New Year Resolutions

by Bob Hicks, Chaplain

I am not one who makes resolutions on New Years. Whenever I am at a New Year's Eve party and everyone goes around offering their resolutions, I merely state that my resolution is to not make any resolutions! People usually laugh and let me off the hook.

Recently I read something that stopped me in my tracks. The article explained how Jonathan Edwards, one of the most brilliant minds of our early American history (Yes, I teach history) made his resolutions.

In contrast to resolutions, I've heard at New Year's parties, "I want to lose twenty pounds, or be a nicer person, or run the marathon." These struck me as more enlightened.

Edward's list included things like: **"Never do anything which I should be afraid to do, if it were the last hour of my life; to do my duty for the good of mankind in general;**

to ask myself at the end of every day, week, month and year if I could possibly have done better; and until I die, not to act as if I were my own, but entirely and altogether God's."

Wow, what a list. These both convinced me, while at the same time urge me on, to ask myself the same questions.

Now, I pass them on to you at the beginning of this New Year!

Central Florida Chapter Educator Receives National Recognition

by Richard Ortega, VP Aerospace Ed.

Each year, the U.S. Department of Education honors one outstanding classroom teacher from each state and the District of Columbia. The 2007 recipient of this prestigious award for the State of Florida is **Susan Lees** who is a science teacher at Howard Middle School in Orlando, Florida.

Susan was recognized for raising student achievement, use of innovative classroom strategies and

making a difference in their students' lives.

Susan started her education career 18 years ago at McCoy Elementary. She now teaches 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students at Howard Middle School. She excels as a fan of "inquiry based learning" the kind of hands-on lessons that make school fun.

An example, **Susan** has accomplished projects on the physics of music and has given students a chance to delve into science with Howard's Rocket Club. **Susan** is also the proud recipient of numerous local and state science awards.

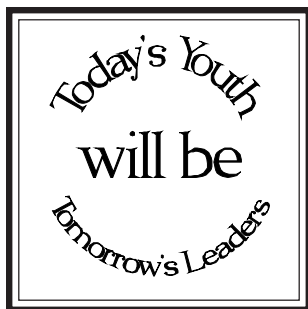
Richard Ortega, Vice President



From left, Dr. Carl Cartwright, Howard Middle School Principal and Susan Lees, recipient of the Florida 2007 U.S. Department of Education American Star of Teaching graciously accept Richard Ortega's invitation to join AFA.

of Aerospace Education for the Central Florida Chapter, visited Howard Middle School and met with **Dr. Carl Cartwright**, Principal, and **Susan Lees**.

And, of course, **Richard** invited them to join AFA and they accepted!



Central Florida Chapter Contributes To Success of Orlando Veterans Day Parade

by Dennis Moran, VP for Legislative Affairs

The 8th Annual City of Orlando Veterans Day Parade was held on Saturday, November 10, 2007. As on previous occasions, the Mayor of Orlando's office requested **Richard Ortega** to assist in the preparation of the program for the Veterans Day Parade and act as Master of Ceremonies. **Mayor Dyer** offered his welcoming remarks and officially declared the opening of the Parade.

The Air Force Association was well represented by many members and leaders of the Cen-

tral Florida Chapter (CFC) including: **Jim Callahan**, CFC President; **Tim Brock**, who is also the Florida State President; **Bill Yucuis**, VP and Florida State Teacher of the Year; **Bryan Paul**, CFC Treasurer; **Jim DeRose**, CFC Secretary; **Mrs. Barbara Walters-Phillips**, a former AFA National Teacher of the year and her husband **Pat**; and many other chapter members and their families.

Joining the CFC contingent were many other units. For example: the Air Force Recruiters

from the Orlando area. Several marching contingents associated with the CFC also participated: **Col. William Palmby** and his AFROTC Det.159, the University of Central Florida. Joining them were several AFJROTC Units and several CAP Cadet Squadrons.

We salute our Veterans!

Gala... *(Continued from page 1)*

The Air Force Association (AFA) will hold its annual **Air Warfare Symposium** on February 21st and 22nd. Industry and military members will have the opportunity to hear senior Air Force leaders address key issues facing our national security.

The Symposium and the Gala will take place at the Rosen Shingle Creek Hotel on Universal Boulevard in Orlando. In addition to the symposium speakers, many other high level military, civilian and industry dignitaries will attend both the Symposium and the Gala. Receptions for both functions will occur in the hotel exhibit hall, where our top aerospace companies will

exhibit their latest technology. The Air Force Gala raises funds for aerospace education purposes.

New Location!
Rosen Shingle Creek Hotel
 9939 Universal Boulevard
 Orlando, FL 32819
 (866) 996-9939
 Fax: (407) 996-9935
www.rosenshinglecreek.com

Previous events have raised over two million dollars in support of local, state and national aerospace education objectives.

Included as recipients of these funds are Lake, Orange, Osceola, Polk and Seminole county students and teachers, Junior AFROTC (high school) units, the Civil Air Patrol, the UCF AFROTC program, AFA's Aerospace Education programs and more.

Details on the symposium activity and registration for the symposium and Gala events may be found online at www.afa.org. For further information on the Air Force Gala contact **Tommy Harrison** at email: TGHarrison@aol.com, ph: (407) 886-1922. Special pricing has been set for AFA leaders. The registration form is across the page (on Page 9) of this FlightLiner.



Affairs of the State

by Tim Brock, AFA (Florida) President



Membership & Leadership Challenge

Air Force Association is alive, well and thriving in Florida. But with all our amazing success and accolades, we continue to have challenges. One key to stopping the decline in membership is reaching out to new markets and enlisting their help in meeting our common objectives. The transition from a national veterans organization to a more broadly based organization opens the flood gates to new members and we have to use our imagination to create a powerful mechanism to reach out to these potential members and bring them onboard.

I am dedicated to preserving our amazing momentum while confronting these challenges. Our two top issues are membership and leader

development. Assisting us are Ted Stumm, VP for Membership, and Max Friedauer, VP for Leader Development. Both Ted and Max are working hard on these issues. Both understand the volunteer foundation of AFA and the importance of rallying volunteers to the Air Force family and a strong National defense.

Upcoming State Meeting

Our February State Meeting will be held at the Shades of Green Hotel on Walt Disney World Resort on Saturday, 23 February 2008. Arrangements have been made to provide rooms for \$100 with no tax. Room reservations may be made for up to four days before and/or three days after the event. An exciting day has been planned. Senator Mel Martinez has been invited to be the

luncheon speaker and Governor Charlie Crist has been invited to be our dinner speaker. We hope both well accept.

Because of your dedicated hard work, AFA Florida is the "crown jewel" of AFA and a great resource for Florida winning National recognition and prestige. Let's rally our members for the assembly in February to help us address our membership and chapter leader issues. Together I am confident we will continue to demonstrate AFA Florida's dominance in the work of freedom.

State Meeting Reservations

See the information on page 9 on how to make online or phone reservations.



To be Received by February 12, 2008

AIR FORCE GALA - FEB 22, 2008



Rosen Shingle Creek Hotel - on Universal Boulevard in Orlando
A special AFA member (non-business) rate of \$150 per person
has been established for this prestigious black-tie dinner celebrating

"50 Years of the ICBM"

Please reserve _____ tickets @ \$150.00 each = \$ _____

Name: _____ Email or Phone: _____

Make check payable to: AFA-CFC Gala

Mail to: Tommy Harrison, Gala Chairman, 1231 Lake Piedmont Cir., Apopka 32703-7457

NOTE: You may also register online at www.afa.org

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To be Received by February 12, 2008

AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION (FLORIDA) STATE/REGION MEETING - FEB 23, 2008 Shades of Green, Disney World, Orlando, FL



Registration (____) x \$ 11.00 = \$ _____
(includes Continental Breakfast, beverages, printing, hospitality, etc.)

Lunch (____) x \$ 17.00 = \$ _____

Dinner (____) x \$ 30.00 = \$ _____

OR Total package (____) x \$ 58.00 = \$ _____

Name: _____

Make check payable to: AFA-CFC

AFA Position: _____

Mail to: Bryan B. Paul, Treasurer

Organization: _____

1214 Swan Street

Ph: (____) _____

Winter Springs, FL 32708-4108

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Availability and price good ONLY through January 20, 2008

Shades of Green Hotel Registration

\$100 per room (no tax) (Suites are also available)

*** Rate applies up to 4 days before and/or 3 days after ***

Located between the Manolia and Palm Golf Courses

Adjacent to Magic Kingdom at Walt Disney World

Online Reservations:

www.shadesofgreen.org

Reservations Page (then to **bottom** of page)

Fill in sections 1, 2 & 4 on left

Group Code: 0802AFASTA (case sensitive)

OR

Call Reservations:

Local: 407-824-6483

Long Distance: 1-888-593-2242

Group Code: 0802AFASTA

Important: Cancellation date is 20 January!

Additional Information:

No substitution of names is authorized, however, special arrangements have been made to allow reservations in the chapter's name as opposed to an individual's name. The reservation must be secured by a credit card, but when the individual using the room signs in, a new credit card may be provided to complete the registration.

Our Community Partners Are Special!

The AFA Community Partner Program links local business who share the same aims with the Air Force Association. **The Central Florida Chapter proudly associates with our community through the Community Partner Program. We encourage all our members to support these businesses that support us.**

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Dan Higgins Photography Windermere, Florida	Dixie Printing & Mailing, Inc. Longwood, Florida
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Gettings Productions Ocoee, Florida	Herba Family Chiropractic Winter Springs, Florida
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Annual Gala & State Meeting Coming to Orlando

Hotel Reservations due by January 20th!

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